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IN SUPPORT OF HB No. 6279 AAC Prescription Drug Monitoring, Continuing Education, and The Return Of Unused Prescription Drugs

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Rep. Ritter, Sen Gerratana , and Members of the Public Health Committee

I am Lynn Rapsilber, nurse practitioner, and speak today for the CT Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society (APRNS) in SUPPORT of HB 6279.

Prescription drug abuse is a health care crisis. Opioids are over prescribed both in quantity and length of time. As a prescriber, this privilege is to be taken very seriously. We are educated to the Five Rights of prescribing: the right drug, to the right patient, by the right route at the right time for the right reason. Education both during training and continued education while prescribing is endorsed and supported. Unused medication drop off locations, prevent these drugs from landing in the wrong hands. Last year with the passage of PA 14-12, APRNs will be required, as are our physician colleagues to have continuing education in opioid prescribing. The APRN community is also in support of mandatory registration in the prescriber monitoring program. APRNs also support frequent documentation and assessment of patient response to treatment not simply refilling medication.

Below are links with additional and supportive information.

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/overdose/guidelines.html>

Opioid prescribing: a systematic review and critical appraisal of guidelines for chronic pain.

[Nuckols TK](#), [Anderson L](#), [Popescu I](#), [Diamant AL](#), [Doyle B](#), [Di Capua P](#), [Chou R](#).

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24217469#>

<http://www.pamedsoc.org/opioidguidelines>

American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, USA. [Pain Physician](#) [2012, 15(3 Suppl):S1-65]

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Opioid Treatment Guidelines Clinical Guidelines for the Use of Chronic Opioid Therapy in Chronic Noncancer Pain Roger Chou,¹ Gilbert J. Fanciullo,² Perry G. Fine,³ Jeremy A. Adler: The Journal of Pain, Vol 10, No 2 (February), 2009: pp 113-130 http://ac.els-cdn.com/S1526590008008316/1-s2.0-S1526590008008316-main.pdf?_tid=92bdfd1e-c056-11e4-be79-00000aacb35d&acdnt=1425244059_f2dca029901b22eb346505656aa3a8f6